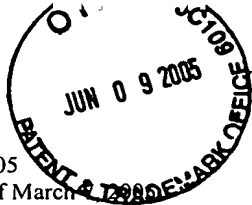


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AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated March 7, 2005 (Paper No. 20050303). The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on June 7, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.

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